

What is claimed is:

1. An epidermal lifting mechanism for use and application to a nose of human being, the epidermal lifting mechanism providing a lifting force over a predetermined area comprises the epidermal area located to either side of a bridge of a persons nose, the epidermal lifting mechanism comprising:
 - at least one strip of flexible material having a first side and a second side, the strip further including a first end portion and a second end portion and a middle portion;
 - the first side of the strip material including an adhesive material;
 - the first side and the second end being positioned to cover a predetermined portion of the epidermis located adjacent each side of the bridge of the nose;
 - the strip of material including a plurality of resilient spring structures extending therethrough;
 - the middle portion including a first edge and a second edge;
 - the first edge and the second edge of the middle portion including a flap mechanism integral thereto;
 - whereby the flap mechanism is capable of being folded over the first side of the strip material to cover the middle portion of the first side of the strip material.
2. The epidermal lifting mechanism of claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is a hydrocolloid non-irritating adhesive.
3. The epidermal lifting mechanism of claim 1 wherein the mechanism of claim 1 is used in combination with the bridge of human nose;
 - the bridge of human nose comprising a fulcrum point.
4. The epidermal lifting mechanism of claim 1 wherein the first end and the second end have a plurality of slits extending through at least the first side of the strip material.
5. The epidermal lifting mechanism of claim 4 wherein the slits have a U shape.
6. The epidermal lifting mechanism of claim 1 wherein the plurality of springs comprise a stack spring mechanism composed of at least two leaf spring structures stacked one on top of the other.
7. The epidermal lifting mechanism of claim 1 wherein the flap structures are folded over the first side and a fulcrum point is produced.

8. The epidermal lifting mechanism of claim 1 wherein at least one of the first and second end portions of the strip have a predetermined shape.

9. The epidermal lifting mechanism of claim 8 wherein the shape of at least one of the first and second end portions is substantially triangular.

5 10. An epidermal lifting mechanism for use with an application to a predetermined epidermal surface, the epidermal lifting mechanism comprising:

a strip of material having a first end portion of a predetermined shape, a second end portion of a predetermined shape, and middle portion coupling the first end portion to the second end portion;

10 the first end portion and the second end portion each having a side including an adhesive material;

at least one the side of the first end portion and the second end portion further including a plurality of slit structures extending therethrough;

the side including a perimeter edge structure;

15 the slit structures being located substantially within a predetermined portion of the perimeter edge structure.

11. A method for improving air flow into and out of a human body through the nasal passages of a human nose using an epidermal lifting mechanism for providing a lifting force over a predetermined area of the epidermis located to either side of the bridge of the nose, the epidermal lifting system comprising:

20 at least one strip of flexible material having a first side and second side the strip further including a first end portion and a second end portion and a middle portion;

the first side of the strip material including an adhesive material;

25 the first end and second end being positioned to cover a predetermined portion of the epidermis located to each side of the bridge of the nose;

the strip of material including a plurality of resilient spring structures extending therethrough;

the middle portion including a first edge and second edge;

30 the first edge and the second edge of the middle portion including a flap mechanism integral thereto;

whereby the flap mechanism is capable of being folded over the first side of the strip material to cover the middle portion of the first side of the strip material;

the method comprising folding the flap mechanism over the middle portion of the strip material;

5 positioning the first and second end portions of the epidermis of the nose.

12. A method for improving air flow into and out of a human body through the nasal passages of a human nose using an epidermal lifting mechanism for providing a lifting force over a predetermined area of the epidermis located to either side of the bridge of the nose, the epidermal lifting system including a strip of material
10 having a first end portion of a predetermined shape, a second end portion of a predetermined shape, and a middle portion coupling the first end portion to the second end portion;

the first end portion and the second end portion each having a side including an adhesive material;

15 the side further including a plurality of slit structures extending therethrough;

the side including a perimeter edge structure;

the slit structures being located substantially within a predetermined portion of this outer perimeter;

20 the method comprising positioning the first and second end portions on either side of the nose;

and applying the side including adhesive material to the epidermal surface of the nose.

13. An epidermal positioning mechanism for positioning the epidermis, the
25 epidermal positioning mechanism comprising:

an elastic material coupled to a first end piece and a second piece;

the first end piece and the second piece each having at least one side including an adhesive material.

14. The epidermal positioning mechanism of claim 13 wherein at least one end
30 piece has a first side and a second side;

the adhesive material being located on the first side;

the first side further including a plurality of slits having a predetermined shape.

15. The epidermal positioning system of claim 14 wherein the predetermined shape of the slits is a U shape.

5 16. The epidermal positioning system of claim 13 wherein at least one the end piece is an anchoring mechanism.

17. The epidermal positioning system of claim 13 wherein the second end piece is a lifting end piece.

10 18. The epidermal positioning system of claim 13 wherein the elastic material includes at least one side having a medicinal material thereon.

19. An epidermal positioning mechanism comprising;
a bandage structure having at least a first end and a second end;
a first elastic material coupled to the first end and a second elastic material coupled to the second end of the bandage structure;

15 a first anchoring structure coupled to at least a portion of the first elastic material; and a second anchoring structure coupled to at least a portion of the second elastic material.

20 20. The epidermal positioning mechanism of claim 19 wherein the first anchoring structure and the second anchoring structure each comprises an end piece coupled to the respective first and second elastic material at respective predetermined positions;

the end pieces including an adhesive material located thereon.

21. The epidermal positioning mechanism of claim 19 wherein the bandage structure includes at least one side having a medicinal material thereon.

25 22. The medicinal material of claim 21 comprising zinc chromate.

23. The medicinal material of claim 21 comprising zinc chromate impregnated in a hydrocolloid material.

24. The medicinal material of claim 21 comprising an alginate.

25. The alginate of claim 24 comprising one of the group consisting of calcium

30 alginate and sodium alginate.

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~~section being coupled to the third section; the second section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section each having a first side; and a predetermined portion of the first side including an adhesive located thereon.~~

5 27. The dressing mechanism of claim 26 wherein the second section includes a plurality of openings.

28. The dressing mechanism of claim 27 wherein the openings are of a predetermined size.

29. The dressing mechanism of claim 27 wherein the openings are of a predetermined shape.

10 30. The dressing mechanism of claim 29 wherein the openings of predetermined shape are spatially organized in a predetermined manner respective to each other.

31. The dressing mechanism of claim 26 wherein the second section includes a first margin and a second margin; the first section being integral to the second section at the first margin; and the third section being integral to the second section
15 at the second margin.

32. The dressing mechanism of claim 26 wherein the first section and the third section are laminated materials comprising a first layer, a second intermediate layer and a third layer; the third layer including the first side.

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20 33. The dressing mechanism of claim 32 wherein the second section includes a first margin and a second margin; the first section includes a first channel located between the first layer and the third layer of the first section for receiving the first margin; and the second section includes a second channel located between the first layer and the third layer of the second section for receiving the second margin; the second intermediate layer comprising an adhesive material; the first margin and
25 the second margin respectively including at least one opening; the first margin engaging the second intermediate layer in the first channel and the adhesive material extending through the opening of the first margin; and the second margin engaging the second intermediate layer in the second channel and the adhesive material extending through the opening of the second margin.

30 34. The dressing mechanism of claim 33 wherein the first and third layer of the first section and the first and third layer of the third section comprise an inelastic material.

35. The dressing mechanism of claim 34 wherein the inelastic material is a polyester.

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36. A dressing mechanism comprising: a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the first section and the third section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section each having a first side; and a predetermined portion of the first side including an adhesive located thereon.

37. The dressing mechanism of claim 36 wherein the second section includes at least one opening.

38. The dressing mechanism of claim 37 wherein the opening is of a predetermined size.

39. The dressing mechanism of claim 36 wherein the first section and the third section each include at least one opening comprising a predetermined shape.

40. The dressing mechanism of claim 39 wherein the openings of predetermined shape are spatially organized in a predetermined manner respective to each other.

41. The dressing mechanism of claim 36 wherein the second section includes at least one margin; the first section being integral to the second section at the margin; and the third section being integral to the second section at the margin.

42. The dressing mechanism of claim 36 wherein the second section is a laminated material comprising at least a first layer, a second intermediate layer, and a third layer; the third layer including the first side.

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43. The dressing mechanism of claim 42 wherein the first section and the third section include a first section margin and a third section margin; the second section including at least one channel located between the first layer and the third layer of the second section for receiving the margins; the second intermediate layer comprising an adhesive material; the first section margin and the second section margin respectively including at least one opening; the margins engaging the second intermediate layer in the channel and the adhesive material extending through the openings of the margins; and the adhesive material extending through the openings of the margins.

44. The dressing mechanism of claim 43 wherein the first and third layer of the second section comprises an inelastic material.

45. The dressing mechanism of claim 44 wherein the inelastic material is a polyester.

46. The dressing mechanism of claim 36 wherein the second section includes at least one opening.

47. The dressing mechanism of claim 36 wherein the second section includes at least one generally transparent section.

48. The dressing mechanism of claim 36 wherein the second section includes at least one wound irrigation mechanism.

49. The dressing mechanism of claim 36 where the second section comprises a first side and a second side; the second side capable of contacting a wound.

50. The dressing mechanism of claim 49 wherein the second side comprises a medicinal material.

51. The medicinal material of claim 50 comprising zinc chromate.

52. The medicinal material of claim 50 comprising zinc chromate impregnated in a hydrocolloid material.

53. The medicinal material of claim 50 comprising an alginate.

54. The alginate of claim 53 comprising one of the group consisting of calcium alginate and sodium alginate.

55. A dressing comprising: a plurality of anchor structures, a treatment section, and an elastic material; said elastic material extending from said anchoring structure to said treatment section; said elastic material being coupled to at least one anchoring structure at a first coupling section and to said treatment section at a second coupling section.

56. The dressing of claim 55 wherein said anchoring structures include a first side having an adhesive located thereon.

57. The dressing of claim 55 wherein said elastic material includes a plurality of openings located at predetermined positions.

58. The dressing of claim 57 wherein said openings have a at least one predetermined shape.

59. The dressing of claim 58 wherein said shape is oriented in a predetermined manner and direction.

60. The dressing of claim 55 wherein said anchor structures include a slit structure for receiving said first coupling section of said elastic material.

5 61. The dressing of claim 60 wherein said first coupling section includes a plurality of openings extending therethrough.

62. The dressing of claim 61 wherein said slit structure includes at least one adhesive material and said first coupling section includes a first surface and a second surface; said adhesive material engaging said first surface, said second surface, and extending through said openings; said adhesive material securing said coupling section to said slit structure.

63. The dressing of claim 55 wherein the treatment section is comprised of a gauze material.

64. The dressing of claim 55 wherein the treatment section includes a plurality of air vents.

65. The dressing of claim 55 wherein the treatment section includes at least one opening.

66. The dressing of claim 55 wherein the treatment section includes a transparent wall located at a predetermined area.

20 67. The dressing of claim 55 wherein said treatment section includes at least one input port and one output port.

68. The dressing of claim 55 wherein said treatment section is impregnated with at least one predetermined medicine.

69. A method for using a dressing mechanism comprising: a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the first section and the third section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section each having a first side; and a predetermined portion of the first side including an adhesive located thereon, said method comprising:

30 applying said first section to a first predetermined location on an epidermis; pulling said third section toward a second predetermined location on said epidermis;

applying said third section to said second predetermined location on said epidermis.

70. The method of claim 69 wherein the second section includes at least one opening.

5 71. The method of claim 70 wherein the opening is of a predetermined size.

72. The method of claim 69 wherein the first section and the third section each include at least one opening comprising a predetermined shape.

73. The method of claim 69 wherein the openings of predetermined shape are spatially organized in a predetermined manner respective to each other.

10 74. The method of claim 69 wherein the second section includes at least one margin; the first section being integral to the second section at the margin; and the third section being integral to the second section at the margin.

75. The method of claim 69 wherein the second section is a laminated material comprising at least a first layer, a second intermediate layer, and a third layer; the
15 third layer including the first side.

76. The method of claim 75 wherein the first section and the third section include a first section margin and a third section margin; the second section including at least one channel located between the first layer and the third layer of the second section for receiving the margins; the second intermediate layer comprising an
20 adhesive material; the first section margin and the second section margin respectively including at least one opening; the margins engaging the second intermediate layer in the channel and the adhesive material extending through the openings of the margins; and the adhesive material extending through the openings of the margins.

25 77. The method of claim 76 wherein the first and third layer of the second section comprises an inelastic material.

78. The method of claim 77 wherein the inelastic material is a polyester.

79. The method of claim 69 wherein the second section includes at least one opening.

30 80. The method of claim 69 wherein the second section includes at least one generally transparent section.

81. The method of claim 69 wherein the second section includes at least one wound irrigation mechanism.
82. The method of claim 69 where the second section comprises a first side and a second side, the second side capable of contacting a wound.
- 5 83. The method of claim 82 wherein the second side comprises a medicinal material.
84. The medicinal material of claim 83 comprising zinc chromate.
85. The medicinal material of claim 83 comprising zinc chromate impregnated in a hydrocolloid material.
- 10 86. The medicinal material of claim 83 comprising an alginate.
87. The alginate of claim 86 comprising one of the group consisting of calcium alginate and sodium alginate.
88. A method for using a dressing comprising a plurality of anchor structures, a treatment section, and an elastic material; said elastic material extending from
15 said anchoring structure to said treatment section; said elastic material being coupled to at least one anchoring structure at a first coupling section and to said treatment section at a second coupling section, said method comprising:
 positioning said treatment section over a first predetermined area of an epidermis;
 20 applying at least one anchor structure to a second predetermined area of said epidermis;
 applying at one other anchor structure to a third predetermined area of said epidermis.
89. The method of claim 88 wherein the first predetermined area of the
25 epidermis is a wound.
90. The method of claim 88 wherein the first predetermined area of the epidermis is a burn.
91. The method of claim 88 wherein said anchoring structures include a first side having an adhesive located thereon.
- 30 92. The method of claim 88 wherein said elastic material includes a plurality of openings located at predetermined positions.

93. The method of claim 92 wherein said openings have at least one predetermined shape.

94. The method of claim 93 wherein said shape is oriented in a predetermined manner and direction.

5 95. The method of claim 88 wherein said anchor structures include a slit structure for receiving said first coupling section of said elastic material.

96. The method of claim 95 wherein said first coupling section includes a plurality of openings extending therethrough.

10 97. The method of claim 96 wherein said slit structure includes at least one adhesive material and said first coupling section includes a first surface and a second surface; said adhesive material engaging said first surface, said second surface, and extending through said openings; said adhesive material securing said coupling section to said slit structure.

15 98. The method of claim 88 wherein the treatment section is comprised of a gauze material.

99. The method of claim 88 wherein the treatment section includes a plurality of air vents.

100. The method of claim 88 wherein the treatment section includes at least one opening.

20 101. The method of claim 88 wherein the treatment section includes a transparent wall located at a predetermined area.

102. The method of claim 88 wherein said treatment section includes at least one input port and one output port.

25 103. The method of claim 88 wherein said treatment section is impregnated with at least one predetermined medicine.

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